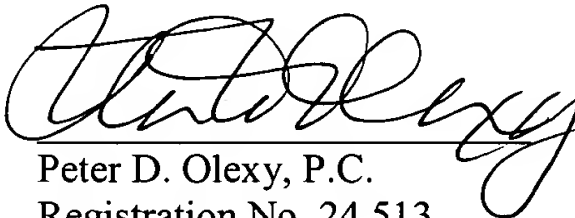


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**REMARKS**

Claims 9-10 and 12-16 being allowed (Paragraph 8 of the Action) but claims 21-22 and 24 being rejected (Paragraph 7 of the Action), Applicants place this application in condition for allowance by canceling claims 21, 22 and 24.

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